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## THE CITY.

**Terms of the Express.**  
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**Bridal Party.**  
W. H. Johnson and lady, a newly married pair, arrived at the Willard Hotel this morning from Shelby City. The lady was formerly Miss Miller, of the above place. Miss M. Stone, of Louisville, was one of the bridesmaids.

**Aurora Borealis.**  
The Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier reports a brilliant display of northern lights at that place last Sunday night. The aurora appeared in the north and northeasterly heavens, and was of great brilliancy and variety of color.

**Advance of Coal.**  
At a meeting held on "change" yesterday coal was advanced two cents, the price now being eighteen cents per bushel, delivered. The wholesale dealers and holders of coal at the river advanced two cents, which necessitated a proportionate advance on the part of retail dealers.

**Bowman's Case Continued.**  
When the case of Joseph Bowman, for killing Charles Snyder, was called in the Circuit Court yesterday, the prosecuting attorney, Colonel Lee, stated that the evidence in the case was very voluminous, and the trial would of necessity occupy several days. The case was set for the thirteenth day of the November term.

**Arrived.**  
Officer J. W. Booker arrived from St. Louis last night, having in charge the negro, Hall, arrested in that city on a requisition from the Governor. He is the party recognized by Governor Meriwether as the one who robbed him in daylight on the street. Hall will be examined to-morrow before the City Court.

**President of the Louisville and Frankfort Railroad.**  
The Directors of the Louisville and Frankfort railroad yesterday elected Joshua F. Speed President of the Company. Mr. Speed possesses rare business qualifications, and will make a capital officer. It is a pity that some other railroad about here has not a presiding officer as capable as Joshua Speed.

**Bourbon County Stock Sales.**  
Things are looking up at Paris, Bourbon county, Ky. Last Monday, county court day, there were more mules on the public square than there has been at one time since the war. The prices paid ranged from one hundred and fifteen to one hundred and ninety-seven dollars per head.

Cattle averaging one thousand pounds brought six cents.  
Horses were in demand, and sold at fair prices.

**Personal.**  
Col. D. M. Wisdom, editor of the Jackson, Tenn., Tribune, is now in this city, for the purpose of receiving a few additional advertisements for the columns of his excellent paper. This will be no difficult task, as the Tribune, a mammoth sheet, has, perhaps, a larger circulation than any other country paper in the State—if it can be called a country paper, published as it is, in a town of six or eight thousand inhabitants. Jackson is on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, and sends a fine train to Louisville.

## THE AFFRAY IN THE COUNTY.

**One of the Wounded Men Dead.**  
This morning about 5 o'clock, Ed. Taylor, one of the negro men shot at the affray in the county Saturday night, died at his father's house, on Second street, beyond Taylor barracks. The ball had penetrated the left side about five inches below the hip-joint. Taylor was about 22 years old, and it is said was universally liked among his own people, and highly thought of by all white people who knew him. A jury has been summoned and an inquest will be held to-morrow night, as Coroner Moore is compelled to be in the Circuit Court as a witness and cannot attend to the inquest any sooner.

## The Investigating Committee.

The committee appointed by the Board of Trade meeting last Saturday to investigate the charges against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company have been pretty busy at work. Considerable testimony was laid before them yesterday, and an additional amount this morning. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon they went to the Nashville depot and staid till six. Again, after supper, and remained to eleven o'clock at night. This forenoon they were again at the depot, and it is supposed they will be able to make a pretty full report to the adjourned meeting, which assemblies at three o'clock this afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms.

## In Hiding.

It is reported this morning that the negroes who did the shooting and cutting at Christmas' woods, last Saturday night, are in hiding on Lost Island. This "Lost Island" is in the middle of Oldham's pond, some six or eight miles from the city, the track of the Louisville and Nashville railroad crossing it. In the wet season the pond is a swamp, where thousands of acres of land are covered to the depth of two to ten feet. Three or four weeks ago there was no water to be seen, except in little pools. The entire pond, and especially Lost Island, is a thick mass of trees, shrubbery and wild plants, and one of the best imaginable places for concealment.

## Louisville Opera House.

A full house greeted the management last night, in spite of the rain. Public interest was very generally aroused concerning the new play, and this tended to swell the audience to a degree very gratifying to Mr. Bates.

Rosedale is a five-act drama, by Lester Wallace, simple in style, free from all clap-trap and buncombe, yet absorbing the interest of the spectator from beginning to end, exciting attention from the peculiar direction the affairs take at the commencement, then carrying the audience through all the phases of hope, fear and unexpected relief, as the plot deepens and develops.

The scenery used in the play is admirable. We do not remember to have seen a play of its character better mounted. Sensational plays rely of course much for their effect on sensational scenery; but in the pure drama we are often annoyed by its tameness and venerable age. The first scene, a view of Rosedale Manor House and Grounds, is something new here, mansions being generally represented by painted canvases; but in this play one room of the house, a light, airy, cheerful drawing-room is actually built on the stage, with open windows, revealing the interior with its rich furnishings, and it seems the most natural thing in the world to believe that the balance of what appears to be a beautiful residence is only hidden by the wings.

The Gipsy Dell and waterfall, spanned by a rustic bridge, is a weird and beautiful scene. When the curtain rose on it there was a universal hum of approbation from parquette to gallery, and probably the greatest contribution to the fine effect of the scene is a dark branch, covered with foliage which seems to stand out from the canvas as though viewed through a stereoscope. It, in itself, is a wonderful tribute to the skill of Mr. Pigott, the scene painter.

Hitherto, in writing of the personnel of the new company, we have been compelled to rely on our information of their reputations, but now we can safely say, after seeing nearly all the members last night, that we have a company of which few complaints will be made. Their acting is better than the average of any stock company we have ever had in Louisville, and while, in mentioning names, we lay ourselves liable to omit those who, in other parts, may prove themselves more meritorious than those we name, yet, as cast in Rosedale, we could not help feeling that Messrs. Stetson, Noyes, Nichols and Pierce, and Misses Minnie and Ada Monk and Annie Llewellyn, had already stepped into a high place in the public favor. There was not one of the ladies and gentlemen on the stage who was not pleasing in address and manner, and we return our hearty thanks to the management for their evident desire to please the people of Louisville in their selections.

In the orchestra, under Messrs. A. Predigman, there is a decided improvement. They performed selections from Auber, Strakoske and Offenbach in fine style; but the cornet solo, by Mr. Schneider, "Thou Art So Near," took the house by storm. It was enthusiastically encored.

We noticed that Messrs. Predigman has introduced a piano into the orchestra, a very pleasing addition and a much more appropriate accompaniment for songs than stringed and brass instruments.

We are glad the Opera House is again open and the season inaugurated. There has been a dearth of amusements in the city lately, and we feel that our pleasure-seekers up the river will find the management of the Opera House, as exercised by Bates equal to the task of entering for their amusement, and if he puts on the stage only plays as beautiful and harmonious as Rosedale, he will have made large accessions to his regular audience before the season closes from the ranks of those who have considered the stage as exercising a baleful influence in a community.

## AN ORCHARD TRAGEDY.

**Shooting of A. J. Bell by Bill Leske in Marion County.**  
By a gentleman who arrived here from Marion county yesterday, we have particulars of another murderous affray in Marion county, which is said to have occurred on the afternoon of Sunday last, some twelve or fifteen miles from Lebanon, near the Nelson county line. According to the statements made to us, Mr. A. J. Bell, who is the proprietor of the establishment known as "Bell's distillery," was in his orchard during the afternoon, when two men, John Vandever and Bill Leske by name, came over into his premises and began quarreling with him. Leske is said to have remarked to Bell that if he (Leske) owed Bell anything the debt should be paid, whereupon he drew a pistol and fired twice upon Bell, both shots taking effect and inflicting wounds which are believed to be mortal.

The parties are said to have been but a few paces apart when the shooting was done. Leske fled after the shooting, but a one-armed brother of Bell, getting together four of his neighbors, and arming himself with a shot-gun, started in pursuit of the murderer. A sharp chase followed, and the pursuing party at length came nearly up with Leske, when the one-armed brother, leveling his shot-gun, poured a charge of bird-shot into the back of the fugitive. This brought Leske down, and he was easily captured. His wounds did not prove serious, and he was subsequently taken to the Marion county jail by a party of citizens.

## Another Cigar Raid.

Mr. Sutton's drug store was the scene of another raid about nine o'clock last night. Mr. Sutton, not anticipating anything of the kind, was at work behind his screen, when he heard a noise at the front door. He was just in time to see two men run out of the door, each having a box of cigars. He chased them to Tenth street at which point they separated, one, on each side of the street and into Congress alley, one going up and the other down. It being very dark in the alley, he did not pursue, but, as both boxes had been dropped in the chase, he secured them. Both thieves were subsequently caught and proved to be negro men, or boys, about 18 years old. They were lodged in jail.

## FIRE LAST NIGHT.

Loss About \$7,000.

A few minutes after 10 o'clock last night a fire broke out on the north side of Market street, between Second and Third, by which the third stories of two adjoining houses, Nos. 49 and 51, were more or less damaged. Both houses are occupied by furniture dealers—No. 49 by Mr. N. Bensing, and No. 51 by Mr. G. W. Johnston. Mr. Johnston was asleep in the back room on the ground floor, and was awakened by some one kicking at the front door. As he went forward to see what was wanted, and came under the skylight, the reflection of the flames was thrown down, and he then knew that either his own house or the next one was burning. The origin of the fire is said to have been in the third story of No. 49, as the stock of mattresses, shucks, &c., was entirely destroyed. Mr. Wm. M. Nichols occupied the third story of No. 51 as a mattress factory, his stock was damaged mostly by water.

Mr. Bensing's stock was valued at about seven thousand dollars and insured for one thousand dollars in the Hartford and two thousand five hundred dollars in the Imperial of London. His loss may be fully up to his insurance. As yet no estimate has been made. Mr. Johnston had just laid in a fresh stock, but had only two thousand dollars in the Etna. He estimates his loss by water at about one thousand five hundred dollars. Mr. Nichols' loss was about one thousand five hundred dollars. The houses were both insured in the Kentucky and Louisville Mutual. No. 49, belonging to Dr. Ewing, was insured for two thousand dollars, and No. 51, belonging to Mr. N. H. Bryan, for two thousand five hundred dollars. Dr. Ewing's loss is estimated at about one thousand two hundred dollars, and Mr. Bryan's at eight hundred dollars. The total loss is estimated at about seven thousand dollars.

## Illicit Distilling.

Before U. S. Commissioner Ballard, yesterday evening, appeared special bailiff John Wyatt with John Howard, a distiller, who had successfully eluded the revenue officers, until Wyatt started after him with a party of U. S. troops. Howard was captured in Larue county, but not until he had been fired upon, and four shots had penetrated his clothing. Then he thought it the part of prudence to give up. He was held to bail in \$2,000 to appear at the next term of the U. S. Court and answer to the charge of illicit distilling.

While in Larue county bailiff Wyatt also endeavored to arrest Wm. Price as an illicit distiller. Price saw Wyatt and his party approaching his home, and ran for life, though being seen, several shots were fired at him. He ran some distance, and then disappeared over the edge of a cliff. In jumping over the cliff he received injuries, from which, it is said, he has since died; but this may be a false report to turn the attention of the officers from his movements.

## Louisville Medical College.

We refer our readers with pleasure to the advertisement of this excellent institution, which advertisement appears in our columns to-day. The array of talent and long experience which are combined in its Faculty will place it at once in the foremost rank of medical colleges in this country. Its policy is in unison with that suggested by a unanimous vote of the American Medical Association at its last meeting in New Orleans. The lecture-rooms are arranged upon the most approved plans, and are not excelled by any in the Southwest. Professor Henry Miller will introduce the preliminary session by a lecture at 10 A. M. on Monday next. We cheerfully wish the Louisville Medical College success, and feel assured that it will deserve and have it in full measure.

## TOWN TOPICS.

### China Emporium.

Rogers' house furnishing emporium still continues giving good bargains in chinaware.

### Carpenter.

The services of a first-class carpenter may be obtained by addressing No. 382, West Jefferson.

### Louisville Shoe Factory.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of dealers and others to the card of the Louisville Shoe Factory, in another column. This factory has been established for some time, and the proprietor, Mr. Stevens, is well known among his customers as making the best and most reliable work to be obtained in the city. He employs none but first-class workmen, and uses the best material which can be found. His stock is large and complete. Give him a call. He guarantees his work, and insures satisfaction.

### Coal.

O'Neil & Co., No. 49 Fourth street, advertise the Anthracite coal in another column. This coal is said to be superior to all others for heating purposes, and is worthy of trial. The firm of O'Neil & Co. is one of the most substantial and popular in the business. They keep on hand a large supply of all the other coals used which they sell reasonably, and we ask our friends to give them a call.

## THE COURTS.

LOUISVILLE CITY COURT.

HON. E. S. CRAIG, JUDGE.

WEDNESDAY, September 8.

Geo. Dermody and Geo. Davis, two small boys, were charged with stealing cigars from Dr. Sutton, worth less than four dollars. Their parents appeared in court under a rule issued against them to show cause why their boys should not be taken from them and bound out to persons who would bring them up in honest and moral courses. Thus the State exercises a watchful care over the future of her children and considers that the offspring of her citizens belongs to her, the parents being only the custodians of that trust reposed in them for the benefit of the State. This was the Roman law, and among the best of the good institutions derived from the ancients. The examination of the charge against the boys was continued until to-morrow, and the rules against the parents for the same time.

Charles Osborne, drunk and disorderly, fined three dollars and one hundred dollars bond for thirty days.

Joseph McKay, same; same order.

George Ross, disorderly conduct; fined five dollars.

James McElroy, stealing cigars worth less than four dollars from Dr. Sutton; continued, with \$100 bond to appear.

David Clark, assault and battery on Anderson Denny; fined \$10.

George Lee, drunk and disorderly; confessed a fine of \$3.

Henry Nolan, same; discharged.

Blake Blake, disorderly conduct; fined \$3.

James Curry, cutting Dan. Fury with intent to kill. Commonwealth was not ready, and asked a continuance on account of the absence of the wounded party; granted. Bond fixed at \$400.

Charles National, stealing a pistol worth over four dollars from Thomas Eck-north; continued for defendant.

Julia Wurtz, drunk and disorderly conduct; discharged.

The monthly docket was called, when we closed our reports.

## JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT.

HON. H. W. BRUCE, JUDGE.

The Court met yesterday afternoon at the usual hour and proceeded to call the docket. One or two cases of little importance were tried. The case of the Commonwealth vs. Joseph Bowman, charged with the murder of Charles Schneider, was called. The prosecuting attorney, Col. Lee, made a statement of the case, which was unanimous, and it would necessarily consume several days. It being deemed impossible to try the case during the present term, it was continued until the thirteenth day of the November term. The case of the Commonwealth vs. Samuel Dulane, charged with attempting to rape a little maiden, of about eight years, the evidence was heard and the case was submitted to the jury, but failed to agree, and was ordered to be retried at the November term, and the ball of the Commonwealth vs. Isaac Newton, felony; dismissed.

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## The Earth's Rotary Velocity.

Captain Ericsson read a paper before the National Academy of Science, at its meeting in Northampton, Mass., last week. He discusses at length the influence of the Mississippi, the Ganges and the Indus upon the retardation of the rotary velocity of the earth by transporting so much earth-matter toward the equator. The formation of 30,000 square miles of delta, over which the Mississippi now runs, has required ages, during which the earth has been unceasingly deprived of its *vis inertia*. Computation is scarcely needed to show that unless some adequate countervailing force has been in operation, a perceptible diminution of the earth's axial velocity has taken place.

According to Captain Ericsson's estimates, it will require 356 years to lower the surface of the Mississippi basin one inch, and that the mighty "father of waters" must toil for 4,272 years to lower the entire surface a single foot. The Ganges and other rivers watering the Bay of Bengal discharge over 31,000,000,000 cubic feet of earth per annum. It is evident that in time the Gulf of Mexico and the Bay of Bengal will be converted into dry land. The transfer of matter toward the Equator is diminishing the rotary velocity of the earth. This is counteracted by the discharge of matter into the Polar Seas by the northern rivers, but, according to Ericsson, the northern offset is slight. He says:

It need hardly be stated that owing to the existing uncertainty regarding the amount of precipitation in the higher latitudes, not to mention our total want of information as to the proportion of sedimentary matter conveyed, especially with reference to the great Asiatic and North American rivers, no perfect table can be prepared at present, on any reliable calculations, to determine the amount of *vis inertia* restored to the earth by the rivers flowing to the poles. But this uncertainty about the precipitation in the polar regions, and the quantity of solid matter discharged into the Arctic seas, does not in the least invalidate our estimate of the magnitude of the retarding influence on the earth's axial rotation, caused by the numerous rivers flowing toward the equator.

Indeed the standard furnished by the abrasion occasioned by the waters of the Mississippi, viz., on an average, solid matter per second transferred to the mouth of the river for every 10.68 square miles of river basin drained, will be found rather below than in excess of the general average of other rivers running in the direction of the equatorial regions. Hence no reasonable doubt can be entertained that the earth as shown by the tables sustains a loss of *vis inertia* of 39,894,658 foot pounds every second. Multiplying this sum by 86,400 seconds, we learn that every succeeding day marks a diminution of the earth's *vis inertia* of 3,448,888,432 foot pounds. In consequences of the change of position of the abraded matter carried toward the equator.

## NARROW ESCAPE.

A Passenger Train Haunted Fifty Miles with a Crippled Engine.

From the Memphis Appeal.  
On Tuesday last the passenger train to leave Memphis over the M. & C. R. R. at 12:30, was made up and standing with the engine ready fired up, under the passenger shed, at the regular hour. Five minutes to leaving time, the fireman sent his wood-passer to the foreman of the engine-house with a message, saying that the axle is bent, and nothing to be done. The engineer had not yet made his appearance. No time could be lost hunting up the missing man, so the foreman concluded to "pull the throttle" himself for that run, and jumping on the machine, hauled out of the round-house with a creaking noise, and this side of Germantown, when running over a rough piece of road, the engineer felt a heavier jar than usual, and ran slow until the station was reached. Here he made a close examination but could detect nothing amiss, and left Germantown as satisfied that a careful engineer, as he should be. The schedule for the mail train is quite a lively one, and as the train jogged along at a pretty good rate of speed the engineer thought he could detect just the least bit of a "wobble" in the motion of the rear driver on a little tight side. The axle is bent, and nothing to be done, he thought, and on rattled the train, fully up to time until Middleton was reached. Between Middleton and Poca-hontas, a rough piece of track, on account of cuts, curves, etc., the "wobbling" became too marked, entirely too much for the train to take, and the engineer, a long sigh of relief must have escaped him. After he had taken his machine in on the side-track, a half a glance told that it was something a great deal more dangerous than a slight departure from a straight line that was the matter with the axle. He took down the rods on that side and made the alarming discovery that he had run at least fifty miles on passenger time with the driver axle broke short off in the hub, and that all that had prevented a terrible accident was the fact that the key which held the wheel upon the axle had fitted so close in its seat, to retain the part broken off in its place. He shuddered as he reflected that in a thousand similar cases his engine and the train behind it, would have headed into the ditch.

## Going Back on the Dock.

At a recent trial in Mississippi a freed man, indicted for the murder of another freed man, five white men and forty-five freed men had been summoned as jurors. The defendant objected to colored men sitting on the jury, and his counsel made a motion to quash the writs summoning the jury, on the ground that negroes were not recognized as jurors by the constitution and laws of Mississippi, and that military orders in regard to the return of the list of names had not been complied with. The court decided that the point was well-founded in law, and quashed the writ. Two other colored men were also under indictments for murder, and their trials were postponed for the same reason. It is stated that the colored men prefer to be tried by white jurors.

## Serious Shooting Affray.

From the Paris (Ky.) Citizen.

On Friday evening last a man named Kinsley, a section master on the Kentucky Central railroad, shot a man named McGee, at Hutchison station, five times, with a revolver. All the balls took effect, and it is feared will result fatally. Mr. McGee is spoken of as a very worthy man. We have not learned any further particulars of the affair.

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